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A CUSTOMER WHO BUYS FLOWERS FOR HIS LOVER

ARISAKA SECRETLY THINKS OF SHUUJI-

ARISAKA-SAN,
DON'T YOU PLAN ON GETTING MARRIED?
WELL...
O-OH...
NOT YET...
Well...
Ha Ha Ha...
I guess one will have to face this sooner or later.
Though it's not unusual nowadays for someone around thirty to still be single,
It's not as if I must have someone, right?
See you!
BECAUSE YOU KNOW,
YOU'RE SMART AND GENTLE!
THAT'S RIGHT!
ISN'T THERE ANYONE YOU FANCY AMONG YOUR CUSTOMERS?
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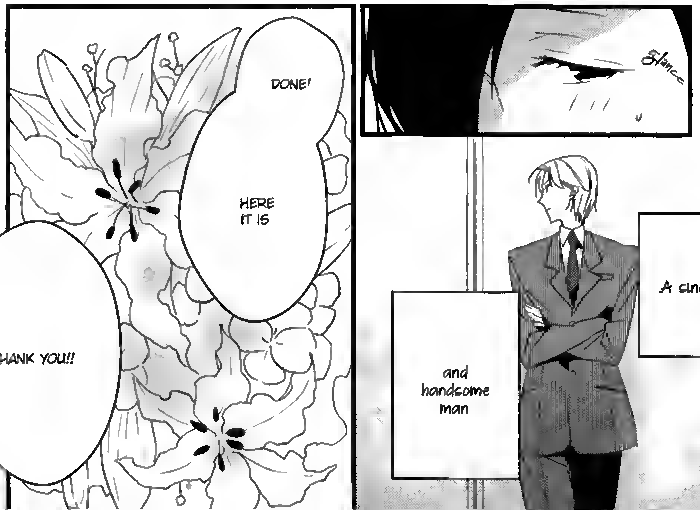
Such nice weather today
HMM, SOMEONE I LIKE?
RIGHT...
EXCUSE ME!
YES?
OH, HASEBE-SAN! WELCOME.
HELLO
THE USUAL, PLEASE?

I'VE BEEN TOLD TO COME WITH FLOWERS.
SINCE MY SENSES FOR THEM ARE WAY BETTER THAN MY HORRID HAIR OR FASHION STYLE
Hasebe Shuuji is a regular customer
He's an honest guy who runs to his lover, an actress, with a bouquet of flowers whenever she has a performance
IT'S NICE TO HEAR AN ACTRESS SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT,
EVEN THOUGH THIS IS JUST A REGULAR FLOWER SHOP.


DONE!
HERE IT IS
THANK YOU!!
Blanc
A sincere
and handsome man

THANKS TO THESE FLOWERS, I'LL ONCE AGAIN OVERCOME THOSE SNARKY REMARKS
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
I'LL BE GOING THEN
GREAT!
PLEASE COME AGAIN.
Wow...
Hacebe-san's handsome as always...
BIRTHDAY?

clap!
THAT'S RIGHT!
SO, I WANT A GORGEOUS BOUQUET
HAHA...!
THEN WE SHOULD MAKE IT REALLY SPECTACULAR
RIGHT?
WHAT'S YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S FAVOURITE COLOUR?
HMM, ORANGE OR MAYBE YELLOW...
I PERSONALLY LIKE ORANGE THOUGH
THEN, LET'S PUT ORANGE FLOWERS IN THE CENTRE.
BUT, REALLY...
Let's see..
This...
This too..
Should be right?
Then..

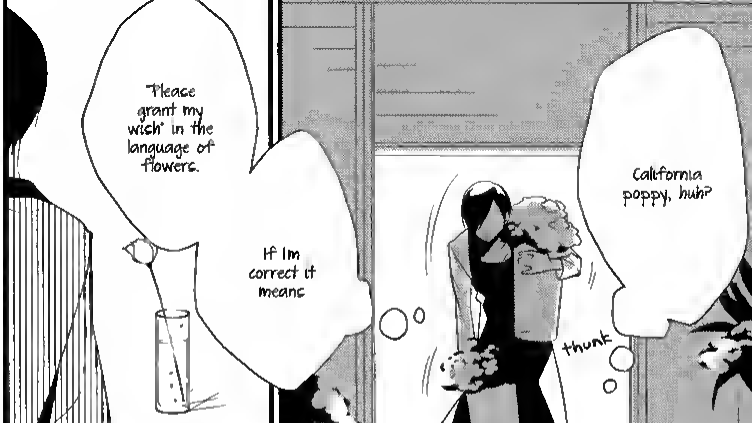
...
IT'LL BE GREAT IF THIS PLEASES HER...
Yeah...
I shouldn't pry into customers private affairs.
dismay
YOU MADE HER MAD AGAIN?
IT NEVER CHANGES. WE HAD A BIG FIGHT RECENTLY...
YEAH. WELL IT'S MORE LIKE SHE'S ALWAYS ANGRY.
OH. SO THIS BOUQUET IS TO MAKE UP.

MAYBE,
IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE...
THOUGH, I STILL MADE A RESERVATION AT A NICE FRENCH RESTAURANT.
So you're just showing off?
It looks like things aren't working out
with his girlfriend...
ARISAKA-SAN...
jolt
YES?!
That...
...was a surprise.

OH.
LMM,
IT'S IN MAY
WHEN
IS YOUR BIRTHDAY?
MAY, HUH? IT'S STILL SO FAR AWAY...
SO IF I WANTED TO GIVE YOU A PRESENT NOW IT'D BE A VALENTINE GIFT?
WHAT?!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO SOUND SO ALARMED
It was just a joke
Heh!
ANYWAY... I'M ALMOST THIRTY...
AND ONLY GIRLS GIVE CHOCOLATE TO FRIENDS
Ah, No—
Oh
No..
Che, don't burst my bubble...
WELL THEN, WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR?
COLOUR?
MINE—
I personally like orange though
I GUESS,
IT'S ALSO ORANGE...

OH!
THEN, A BOUQUET OF ORANGE FLOWERS—
—THAT I'D HAVE TO ARRANGE...
HM...
OH!
HOW ABOUT JUST A SINGLE FLOWER...
SOME-THING LIKE A ROSE?
NO, THAT'S NOT GOOD...
BECAUSE ARISAKA-SAN IS DELICATE AND SLENDER...
boing
THEN THIS ONE
HERE
PLEASE TAKE THIS

T-THANK YOU
VERY MUCH
STILL, EVEN IF I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU FLOWERS
I THINK I'LL ASK YOU TO MAKE THEM
HUH?
BECAUSE, IF I WERE TO GIVE THEM TO YOU,
IT HAS TO BE SOMETHING I'M CONFIDENT IN

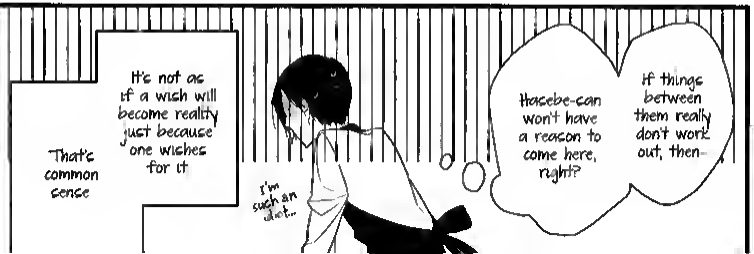

"Peace grant my wish" in the language of flowers.
If I'm correct it means
California poppy, huh?
thunk

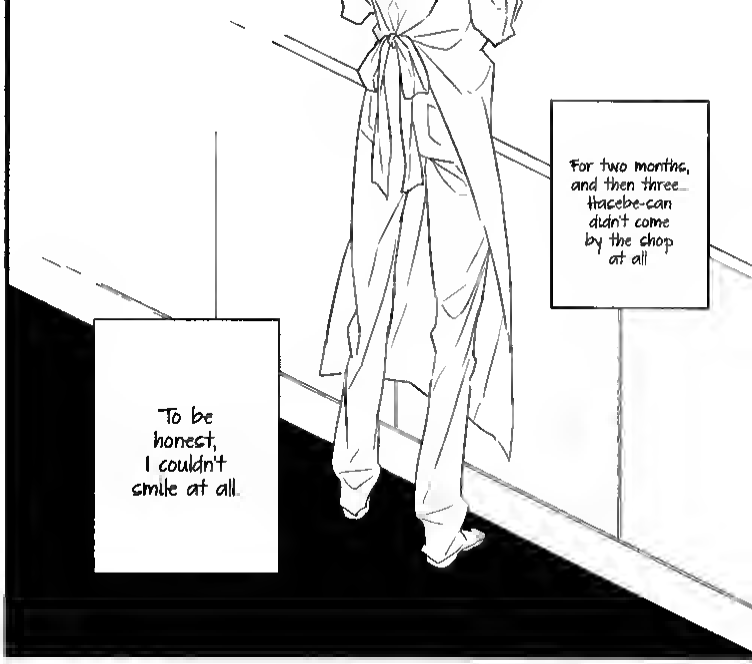
A wish, huh..?
But still, a wish is...
Then again, it's not like Hasebe-san has to know the meaning, right?

Maybe it's already too late..
Oh.
Do I want a b-boy-friend!?
At this age!? No, it's because I'm at this age that I—
It's not likely to happen just because I want it to!!
Uuuuu

It would be good if things didn't work out.

I really thought so that time.


That's common sense
It's not as if a wish will become reality just because one wishes for it
I'm such an idiot...
Hasebe-can won't have a reason to come here, right?
If things between them really don't work out, then-


For two months, and then three... Hacebe-san didn't come by the shop at all
To be honest, I couldn't smile at all.

This..
Again..
ARISAKA-SAN,
DON'T YOU PLAN ON GETTING MARRIED?
TA
DA
And again, they leave like the wind..
AND WE'VE ASKED YOU BEFORE IF THERE WAS ANYONE YOU FANCY AMONG YOUR CUSTOMERS?
nuku
THAT'S RIGHT!
WE'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE THAT YOU'RE SMART AND GENTLE!
nuku
nuku
BECAUSE YOU KNOW
Seems like I can't remember Hasebe-san's smile anymore
The flower he gave me has long since withered
Let's see..
Oh-
It's May already!

ding
5月 May
sun mon tue wed thu fri sat
1 2 3 4 5
6 7 8 9 10 11 12
EXCUSE ME.
HUH?

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME...

YEAH, RIGHT.

YOU'RE NOT WEARING A SUIT TODAY...
OH... LONG TIME NO SEE.

WHAT-EVER YOU RECOMMEND'S FINE WITH ME...
AS FOR THE FLOWERS,
LET'S SEE... ONE THAT IS CUTE BUT NOT TOO BIG.
A FLOWER BOUQUET AS ALWAYS, RIGHT? WHAT KIND DO YOU WANT THIS TIME?

OKAY.
ISN'T IT NOON NOW?
DID YOU COME HERE AGAIN BECAUSE YOUR GIRLFRIEND HAS A PERFOR-MANCE?
SAY—
OH—
N-NO
NO, NOTHING LIKE THAT—
?

MY LOVER
DUMPED ME.
I—
I'M SO SORRY!
THAT WAS RUDE OF ME!
NO, NO! DON'T WORRY!
IT'S ALREADY BEEN THREE MONTHS ANYWAY
—THREE MONTHS?
FEBRUARY... OH! THAT'S WHEN I MADE THE BOUQUET FOR HER BIRTHDAY
OH, YEAH...
AS I'VE MENTIONED WE FOUGHT ALL THE TIME
AFTER THE PLAY ENDED THAT TIME I WENT BACK-STAGE AND WE FOUGHT ONCE AGAIN
SHE HIT ME AS HARD AS SHE COULD WITH THE FLOWERS I GAVE HER

It was my fault.
I'M REALLY SORRY!
YOU POURED YOUR BEST EFFORT
TO ARRANGE THE BOUQUET SO GORGEOUSLY TOO.
Deep down I know,
it wasn't my fault.
There's no way it could have been me.
NO...
IT'S NO BIG DEAL...

H-HERE
WELL,
IT'S READY
Then, why is it so agonizing?
Why does it ache so much?
I'm such a disgrace.

GREAT!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
"To make him smile...
I'm in this job just for the sake of making the customers happy

—SAKA-SAN?
ARI—
Wishing for others to be unhappy...
I'm such a disgrace.

H-HEY...
I'M SO SORRY ABOUT THE FLOWERS
ARISAKA-SAN?!
Hyster
IT'S NOT THAT
IT'S NOT THAT
I TOLD HER TH—
Being treated so gently
makes it even harder
Loving Hasebe-san
I'M REALLY SORRY
is just so painful
I DON'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND!!
H-HEY
OH...
I-I...

I DON'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND.
I HAD A BOYFRIEND ..
blank.

GOING DILIGENTLY TO SEE ALL HIS PLAYS,
GIVING PRESENTS OR FLOWERS...

TO BE HONEST, I THOUGHT EVEN BEFORE THAT,
IT WAS ALREADY TOO LATE TO RECONCILE WITH HIM.

IT BACKFIRED AND MADE HIM SICK AND TIRED OF ME....

I REMEMBERED...

HIS BIRTHDAY BUT WE STILL HAD A FIGHT
I TRIED TO SOOTHE HIM BUT THEN...

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT YOU EVER SINCE I FIRST SAW YOU...
A little!
If I weren't taken right now maybe I'd have his

...

YOU LIKE SOMEONE ELSE, RIGHT?

puzzled
?

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THE BOUQUET ARISAKA-SAN MADE, YOU IDIOT!!"
THAT WAS WHAT HE TOLD ME.
WITHOUT THINKING, I YELLED BACK TO HIM,
RIGHT AFTER THAT I GOT HIT WITH THE BOUQUET
SO, WHY HAVEN'T YOU COME BY SINCE FEBRUARY?
AND WE BROKE UP FOR GOOD
WELL THEN HE WAS LIKE "SEE? THAT'S IT!"
sigh
WOULDN'T IT BE STRANGE IF I WENT TO A FLOWER SHOP NOT TO BUY FLOWERS?
THERE WASN'T REALLY ANY REASON TO COME ANYMORE...

WELL...
WHY DID YOU COME TODAY THEN?
...
B-BECAUSE I FORGOT TO ASK...
ABOUT THE DATE
HUH?
I DECIDE TO COME ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH,
SINCE I FORGOT TO ASK WHICH DAY IN MAY WAS
YOUR BIRTHDAY.

May, huh? It's still so far away
chuckle
Done! Here
Thank you!
BUT YOU LIED, DIDN'T YOU?
shift
W-WHAT?
grin
THESE FLOWERS ARE YOUR RECOMMENDATION, AREN'T THEY?
YOU LIKE WHITE DON'T YOU?
fluster
OH!
But it doesn't mean that I hate orange flowers!
I just thought that white flowers would be good today and we have lots of them, so...

HERE.
THESE ARE FROM MY FAVOURITE FLOWER SHOP.
rustle
I know.
BUT I WAS THE ONE WHO ARRAGED THEM.

FAVOURITE
"FLOWER SHOP?"
THE FLOWER SHOP
WITH MY FAVOURITE PERSON.

SINCE I WON'T HAVE TO COME HERE TO BUY FLOWERS LIKE BEFORE,
...
IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO COME ANYWAY?
Stab
NO.
WHAT?!
foward
THIS SHOP IS FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BUY FLOWERS.
Now I'll arrange the flowers I got
PLEASE DON'T COME IF YOU DON'T NEED ANYTHING
WHAT?!
Wha—
THE FIRST FLOOR IS MY OWN HOUSE

Woah!
IF YOU WANT TO COME OVER,
THEN COME THIS WAY...
OF COURSE
I'LL COME!
END